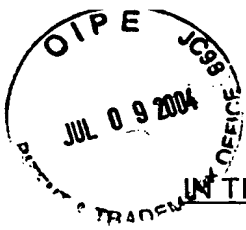


<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>		Attorney Docket No.	627-1446		
		Application Number	10/009,302		
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		First Named Inventor	Lidqvist		
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$ 55	Examiner Name	Tibbits		
<b>FEE CALCULATION</b> (fees effective 10/01/97)					
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Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>June 13, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$400); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,510); 5 months (\$2,060)): 1 month					55
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**RESPONSE TO PROTEST AND OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Protest and Office Action mailed May 13, 2004.

Applicant respectfully traverses all arguments and allegations made in the Protest filed March 30, 2004, regarding prior art and ownership, for the following reasons.

The Examiner states on page 2 of the Office Action that "[i]n particular, applicant needs to address the fact that 3 prior art Swedish inventions, which are the property of Reidar Gustafsson read on applicant's invention." Applicants believe the 3 Swedish inventions the Examiner is referring to are SE9704720-3 (hereinafter SE '720), SE9901579-4 (hereinafter SE '579) and SE9902286-5 (hereinafter SE '286).

Applicants first point out that SE '286 and SE '579 are not prior art as alleged by the Examiner. SE '286 is owned by Applicants, not Gustafsson, and is the priority document for the present application. See Official Filing Receipt mailed May 15, 2003. SE '579 is not proper prior art because it was published after the priority date of SE '286 and after the May 24, 2000 international filing date of the parent PCT/SE00/01049, as discussed below. Furthermore, Applicants dispute the ownership of SE '720, as discussed below.

Applicants respectfully submit that SE '720, SE '579 and SE '286 (present invention), do not relate to the same construction or design, as alleged by Protestor. It is true that they do refer to the same field, but as will be explained more in detail below they define very different inventions. It is also important to realize that SE '720 and '579 are not pioneer inventions within the field and both have emanated